

In the 1960 Land Development Plan, 651 acres of land were projected to be needed for residential purposes by 1980. The 1971 Land Use Survey revealed that 485 acres of the 1960 projected acreage has been developed - an average of 48.5 acres per year. If this rate of development continues, all of the 651 projected acres will be developed by 1974 - six years sooner than anticipated in 1960. The 1960 Development Plan estimated 1980 residential land needs based on projected population and 1960 development trends and patterns. Since 1960, population has declined by 10.1% and residential development has taken a new and probably a more proper direction by the development of larger residential lot sizes such as in the north-west section of Kinston, north and south of Carey Road. Since 1960, residential acreage has increased from 5.08 to 7.7 acres per 100 population, an increase of 2.6 acres. 1990 projected residential acreage is projected to be approximately 2850 acres, an increase of approximately 1114 acres during the twenty year planning period. Since 1960 dwelling units per acre decreased for Kinston from 2.6 DUA to 2.07 DUA. This is further verified by the newer residential development in the north-west section of Kinston with dwelling unit per acre ranging from .4 to 1.6 DUA.

Haphazard trade, service, and residential development has continued along U.S. 258 south of the U.S. 70 Bypass. Old Asphalt Road is still another area of haphazard development and mixed land uses, such as trade, residential, and service land uses. Also, the area adjacent to U. S. 11-55 south of U. S. 70 Bypass has had mixed land use development. These two specific areas with mixed